

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. ELIZABETH
"LIZZY" SEARLE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding student, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Searle. Her creative mind has earned her a distinguished award, the United States National Award Winner in Art.

In addition, Ms. Searle will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook in recognition of her academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibilities, enthusiasm, citizenship, attitude, motivation to learn and improve and dependability. Ms. Searle received her award for her remarkable dedication to learning. Ms. Searle is a model for all students to follow and one that will be sure to achieve great things. She has proven to be an asset to her school and the community.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say congratulations to Elizabeth Searle on a truly exceptional accomplishment. Due to her dedicated service and creativity, it is clear that Colorado is a better place.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER L. SMITH,
PH.D., SCHOLAR, DISTINGUISHED
EDUCATOR AND GREAT AMERICAN

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as Americans all across this land of ours celebrate graduation—a time of transition—from schools and colleges, I rise to pay tribute to Walter L. Smith, Ph.D., a scholar and professor of many years who will be transitioning from a distinguished and storied career in education into retirement this spring.

When I think about Dr. Smith and his many contributions to higher education, our nation, and the world, I'm reminded of a phrase from a favorite old poem:

"To sow a dream and see it spread and grow
To light a lamp and watch its brightness gleam
Here is a gift that is divine I know
To give a young child a dream."

Mr. Speaker, throughout his nearly forty year career in education, Dr. Smith has given generations of young men and women, the world over, so many wonderful dreams. It's been said that our children are our gift to a future that we will never see: Through his many years of labor and unselfish devotion to education Dr. Smith has helped generations of young Americans transform their wonderful dreams into a beautiful reality. These efforts will continue to bear fruit for generations to come.

Dr. Smith has always believed that the vast majority of our nation's children can be good students who will become good citizens. They are intelligent and they are longing for knowledge. He has also always insisted that society cannot, and should not, forget that small minority of students who are not "good" students or citizens. He's believed that we cannot just cast those few children, who simply lack proper leadership, out in to the cold solitude of ignorance. Rather he believes that it is these few, who we as a society, must truly concentrate upon. Dr. Smith has taught us all that it is our responsibility as role models to keep our youth on the right path—in schools, in class, and involved.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Walter L. Smith, upon his retirement. He has truly lived the life of a model citizen and he has earned the right to say that he's made a difference.

Few have achieved the success that Walter Smith has known in his profession. Few have achieved such universal respect and love from his fellow man. Few men have known the thrill that has come to this compassionate giant in taking young men and women and instilling confidence and pride in them to the extent that those lessons are never forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, It is with great pride that I ask this body to join with me in saluting, Dr. Walter L. Smith, a giant among men, a great Floridian, and indeed, truly a great American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, due to my flight originating from Columbus, Ohio on June 12, 2000, being delayed several times, I missed rollcall votes No. 255 and No. 256. If I were present, I would have voted "no" on both rollcall votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9, I was unable to vote for family reasons.

If I had been present, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall No. 250, the Trafficant amendment to H.R. 4577; "yea" on rollcall No. 251, to approve the House Journal; "yea" on rollcall No. 252, the Rangel substitute amendment to H.R. 8; "yea" on rollcall No. 253, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 8; and "yea" on rollcall No. 254, final passage of H.R. 8, the Death Tax Elimination Act.

HONORING JOHN SCHWARZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor a man that has devoted his career to protecting the health of Colorado's environment, John Schwarz. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who has exemplified the notion of public service and civic duty. Recently, the Public Lands Foundation named Mr. Schwarz its Outstanding Public Land Professional.

Mr. Schwarz was presented the monumental task of restoring the Blanca Wetlands, a dry arid area, back into a highly productive ecosystem. In doing so, his main focus was on designing a formula that would deal with the strong water opposition, while moving the project forward. His tenacity and professionalism were instrumental in reviving the wetlands into a vibrant and productive ecosystem. In recognition of his success in restoring this splendid natural system, John was named the Outstanding Public Land Professional. He traveled to Washington D.C. to receive the award on December 10, 1999. Public Lands Foundation President George Lea said at the ceremony that he hoped that "Mr. Schwarz's work will help the real owners of these lands to better understand and appreciate the high ideals and integrity that Mr. Schwarz and the Bureau of Land Management bring to this difficult task each day."

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Schwarz and his efforts to make his community a better place to live. His dedication and know-how have distinguished him greatly. The citizens of Colorado owe John a debt of gratitude and I wish him well.

A TRIBUTE TO LAUREN POLLINI
AND IRENE SORENSEN

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine achievement of Lauren Pollini, a seventh-grade student from Home Street Middle School in Bishop, CA. Lauren was a recent competitor in the National History Day Competition (June 11–15) at the University of Maryland. The competition involved students from across the United States who submitted projects on this year's theme: "Turning Points in History, People, Ideas, Events."

Lauren qualified for the national competition by first winning California State History Day competitions at the county and state levels. Her essay, entitled "Sunset School of Weedpatch, California: A Turning Point for

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